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Point 1 Gorodomlya Island

Point 2 Klyachnoye Island

The winter path led across this uninhabited island. 25X1
a fire had destroyed all buildings on the island several years earlier.

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Point 3 Church

[redacted] this church was used as an automobile repair shop and POL dump.

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Point 4 Leather factory

Three of this factory's smokestacks could be seen from Gorodomlya.

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Point 5 Lenin Square

200 x 200 m; a statue of Lenin was located in the center. There were church ruins in the northern corner of the square and a small, red-brick clubhouse was in the southern corner.

Point 6 Market

The ~~market~~, or the market, consisted of several permanent and various temporary wooden booths. These shops sold almost every conceivable item. A permit was required to sell goods there, but wandering salesmen attempted to sell without such authority. Farm products sold here were generally more expensive than those sold in official stores.

Point 7 Sports fieldPoint 8 Harbor

The harbor was formed by a breakwater and had two slips which could accommodate passenger ships plying Lake Seliger.

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Point 9 Church

A large brick building, surrounded by a brick wall about 2 to 2.5 m high. Services were held in this church.

Point 10 Hospital

The hospital consisted of two 30 x 15 x 10 m brick buildings and four wooden buildings. The brick buildings were two stories high, had gable roofs, and were covered with red tiles.

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[redacted] there was a chief doctor (a surgeon) and also a doctor who specialized in childrens' diseases. The hospital also included an obstetrical department. The hospital had facilities for making blood tests for malaria, and X-ray and fluoroscopic examinations. Their professional competence may have been reflected in the fact that "almost hopeless" abdominal operations [redacted] were successful. [redacted] the hospital probably had 200 beds and that sanitary conditions

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Point 10 Hospital

were very primitive. The toilets consisted of a hole in the floor. Prescriptions were filled by the apothecary in Ostashkov, but occasionally even the simplest drugs were unavailable. German patients requiring drugs usually had them sent by friends in Leningrad.

Point 11 Prison

A two-story brick building, 25 x 15 x 10 m, surrounded by a 3 m-high brick wall. There was a guard tower at each corner of the wall.

Point 12 Old cemetery

No longer in use.

Point 13 New cemetery

The Germans from Gorodomlya were also buried here.

Point 14 Railroad station

A brick building, 30 x 15 x 10 m. (Ostashkov is a stop on the one-track railroad from Kalinin to Velikiye

The station had about 4 or 5 sidings. Several old steam locomotives which had been standing on the last siding since 1948 were still there

A spur led from the station to the landing dock (Point 15).

Point 15 Landing dock

Used as a transshipment point for material brought by rail and destined for the institute on Gorodomlya. A few wooden storage sheds were located nearby.

Point 16 Railroad

One-track, of normal Soviet gauge.

Point 17 Road

Approximately 4 m and paved with cobblestones from the railroad station (Point 16) to the center of the city. Some of the other streets were also cobblestoned; the remainder were dirt and impassable in rainy weather. There were sidewalks at Lenin Square and along the road leading to the harbor.

Point 18 Hotel

A two-story, brick building, 20 x 15 x 10 m. It included about 10 rooms, as well as two restaurants, which were fair. Like the rest of the city, the hotel

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Point 18 The hotel

had no running water or sewage system. The toilet facilities that were available are indescribable. The hotel, like almost every building in Ostashkov, was full of bedbugs. Soviet officers, infantry officers [redacted] were always in the hotel [redacted]

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Point 19 Island

Name unknown [redacted]; former site of a monastery, but only one building, a brick church with many towers, was still standing.

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Point 20 Peski villagePoints 21 Unidentified areas (Possibly either mainland or islands)

2. The city of Ostashkov had a population of approximately 25,000. Most of the houses were wooden, except for some brick, two-story buildings located on the street leading from Lenin Square (Point 5) to the harbor (Point 8). The various food distribution centers and the stores were located on this street. Queues were formed in front of the few bread stores each morning; stores were usually sold out before noon and were then closed.
3. Electricity for lighting was available in the center of the city only, and then only for interior lighting. [redacted]
4. There was very little vehicular traffic in Ostashkov. [redacted] always [redacted] the same few 2- or 3-ton trucks, all of them badly in need of repair. Automobiles, motorcycles, and bicycles were rarely seen.
5. Pickpockets were the great scourge of Ostashkov. Wherever there were crowds of people, there were always a few cases of pickpocketing or of outright thievery. Virtually every German in the USSR had such an experience. The Soviets themselves warned [redacted] of this activity and in some cases helped [redacted] to apprehend the criminals.
6. Lake Seliger was generally frozen over from the end of December to the end of April. [redacted]

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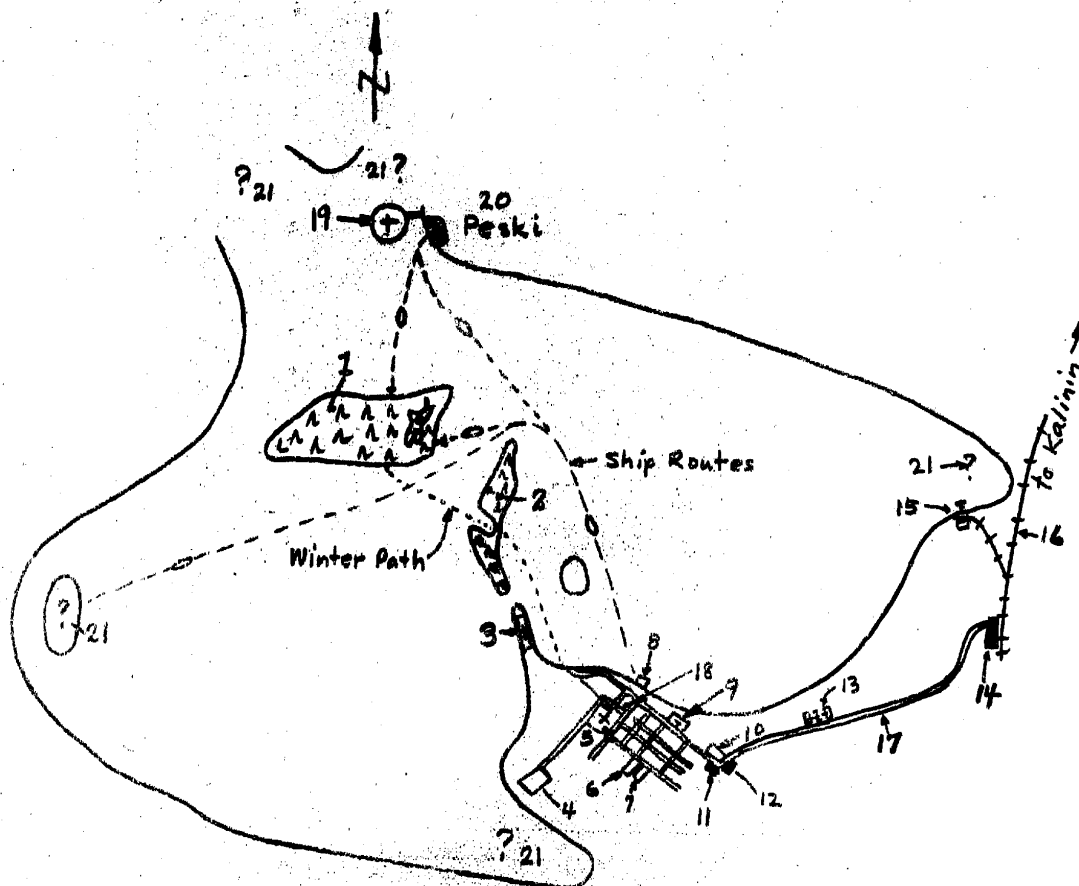
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Sketch A



Sketch of LAKE SELIGER -
OSTASHKOV - PESKI - and
GORODOMLYA & KLYUCHNOYE Islands

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